

Senator Patty Murray

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With respect to the second issue: Mr. Reisinger has not identified any health-related concerns for his daughter to Ecology. Health-related issues fall under the jurisdiction of either the Washington State Department of Health or the local health departments. Mr. James R. Dawson of the Benton-Franklin Health Department recently notified me that Mr. Reisinger had contacted him by telephone with these and other health-related concerns. Mr. Dawson attempted to address those concerns in a telephone call with Mr. Reisinger; however, Mr. Reisinger hung up and now refuses to take any calls from the Benton-Franklin Health Department. Mr. Dawson may be reached for further information on this matter at 509/582-7761, Ext. 255.

The groundwater contamination impacting Mr. Reisinger's well is above the State of Washington's cleanup levels. However, the groundwater contamination continues to be below Federal Drinking Water Standards. Even though the contamination is below the Federal standards, our office, the Benton-Franklin Health Department, and the PLP Group continue to encourage Mr. Reisinger to connect to city water. The PLP Group has agreed to cover both the hookup and the monthly water-usage fees at no cost to Mr. Reisinger.

I am enclosing copies of two letters previously sent to Mr. Reisinger: one joint letter from Ecology, the Benton-Franklin Health Department, and the PLP Group; and a letter from the PLP Group. These letters provide some background into the on-going efforts and offers of alternative domestic drinking water supplies made to Mr. Reisinger.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to respond to your inquiry. I am available to discuss this matter further with your Spokane staff at their convenience. Please contact me at 509/329-3520.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures